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	METHOD AND APPARATUS	)	

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In accordance with 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant respectfully submits this Information Disclosure Statement to call to the attention of the Examiner the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A for consideration in the prosecution of the above-referenced application for U.S. patent. Copies of these references are attached hereto for the Examiner's convenience, along with an appropriately completed Form PTO/SB/08A.

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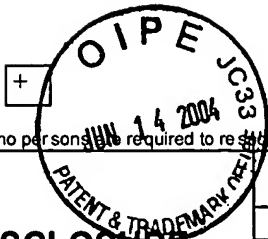
The Applicant respectfully submits that the attached references, taken alone or in combination, neither anticipate nor render obvious the present invention. Consideration of the foregoing in relation to the pending application is respectfully requested. If there is any matter which needs attention, and if the Examiner feels that consultation with the applicant's attorney, the undersigned herein, would be of value, then such consultation would be welcome. The applicant's attorney can be reached at the phone number noted below.

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